

THE MONROE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
Monroe Township Water and Sewer District
December 10, 2019

Scott Vagedes called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance also included Dave Eilerman, Greg Siefring and Rob Voisard. Monroe Twp. Trustee Ron Thuma was not present. Marilyn Fennell was also not in attendance.

Minutes from November 13, 2019 were reviewed and Mr. Eilerman **moved to approve the minutes from November 13, 2019**. Mr. Siefring seconded the motion. Mr. Vagedes abstained because of being absent for that meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Comments from Public: There were no members from the public in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Siefring presented Resolution 2019-19 for ongoing expenses of \$84,117.12. The amount is high because of semi-annual payment #3 due to OWDA. Included was the monthly payment to the City of Tipp City for water and sanitary expenses. Mr. Vagedes questioned if the bill from Tipp City includes the 125% increase of the City's rates. After discussion amongst the Board, Mr. Vagedes said that he would work through with the City to verify it is still correct. Scott Vagedes **moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-19**. Mr. Voisard seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

A discussion about Tipp City's annual increase in water was started by Mr. Vagedes. Mr. Eilerman mentioned that the increase would be 4%. Mr. Vagedes point out that the rate increase for water would go into effect on January 1, 2020. Mr. Siefring will notify the County to add a note to the bills.

With that, the discussion continued with Mr. Siefring introducing Resolution 2019-18 to amend the water and sanitary sewer rates to reflect the 4% increase by the City. A discussion took place about the rate being applied to just water or to water and sanitary sewer services. If it is applied to just water, the District will be operating with a shortage of funds. If the 4% is applied across the board, the shortfall will be less. It was decided that the Board needs to meet with accountant Paul Rennick to discuss the 2020 budget. Greg Siefring **moved for adoption of Resolution 2019-18**. Mr. Eilerman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Vagedes voting no, stating that the increase should only be applied to water, not both water and sanitary sewer.

Old Business: Mr. Vagedes spoke to the County regarding a question from a guest during the October meeting about whether apartments were considered commercial buildings. The County said that they are commercial. Also, during the October meeting, Mr. Vagedes said the Posey property had not hooked up water or sewer. Mr. Vagedes said that he would attend the

Health Board meeting and state the problem. As of this meeting, Mr. Vagedes has not done so yet, but he will.

New Business: The Board has \$500 in grant money that they can apply for with OTARMA. The thought is to purchase a fireproof filing cabinet. That might exceed the \$500, but some more research will be done. Other items that could be purchased are safety vests, hard hats, safety glasses, gloves or boots for member to wear during site visits. Mr. Eilerman will fill out the paperwork to apply for the grant by the end of the year.

Mr. Siefring announced that he will be leaving the Board effective at the end of the year due to him being elected as a Township Trustee. Rob Voisard will take over as Treasurer and Mr. Eilerman will assume the responsibility of Secretary. Mr. Vagedes will remain President.

Mr. Vagedes brought up the idea of creating a resolution that would establish purchase orders of the reoccurring bills each month that the District has funds to cover. This would allow bills to be paid without a resolution. Mr. Vagedes will look into this more.

Scott Vagedes thanked Greg Siefring for his service to the Monroe Township Water and Sewer District over the past few years. Mr. Eilerman and Mr. Voisard also thanked Mr. Siefring.

Mr. Siefring asked about making the Board a 3-person Board. If so, it may need to go to the County Commissioners. Mr. Vagedes would like to keep the Board at 5 people.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM** due to a conflict with Mr. Voisard. Everyone agreed to keep it on the same date as scheduled but at the later time.

Board Comments: No comments from the Board.

There being no further business, Mr. Voisard moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Vagedes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm. Next meeting will be January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

President

Secretary